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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 KIER KEAND'E GARDNER,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 WHATCOM COUNTY, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.
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Case No. C19-1451-MJP-MLP

ORDER

14 This matter is before the Court on Defendants' motion for extension of time of the
15 dispositive motion deadline. (Dkt. # 28.) Plaintiff opposes Defendants' motion (dkt. # 29) and
16 Defendants submitted a reply (dkt. # 30). Having considered the parties' submissions, the
17 balance of the record, and the governing law, the Court orders Defendants' motion be
18 GRANTED for the reasons discussed below.

19 On December 11, 2019, the Court entered a pretrial scheduling order setting the
20 discovery deadline as March 10, 2020 and the dispositive motion deadline as April 9, 2020. (Dkt.
21 # 21.) Defendants now move for an extension of the dispositive motion deadline due to the
22 extensive discovery requests from Plaintiff. (Dkt. # 28 at 1-2.) Specifically, Defendants argue
23 that Plaintiff has propounded approximately thirty interrogatories, twenty requests for

1 production, and twenty-six requests for admission. (*Id.*) Defendants represent they have been
2 working to respond to Plaintiff's requests but have not received any documents from Plaintiff in
3 response to their requests for production. (*Id.* at 2.) In addition. Defendants argue the current
4 quarantine associated with COVID-19 has hampered their ability to prepare the necessary
5 supportive declarations for a dispositive motion. (*Id.*) Defendants therefore request the Court
6 extend the dispositive motion deadline to May 8, 2020. (*Id.*) Plaintiff opposes Defendants'
7 motion, arguing he has not received discovery responses from Defendants and that Defendants'
8 counsel can contact the necessary persons remotely to prepare a dispositive motion by the current
9 deadline. (Dkt. # 29.)

10 It appears to the Court that the parties have actively engaged in discovery and are still
11 awaiting responses. Given the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, and that this is
12 Defendants' first request for an extension of time, the Court finds that an approximately one-
13 month extension is warranted. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Defendants' motion (dkt. #
14 28) is GRANTED and the deadline for dispositive motions is May 8, 2020.

15 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable
16 Marsha J. Pechman.

17 Dated this 30th day of March, 2020.

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20 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
21 United States Magistrate Judge
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